GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1094
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2001
IMPORT OF WOOD
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) the quantum of wood imported from various countries during the last three years; (

(b) the cost of the said imported wood; (

(c) whether this wood was found of cheap quality and below the norms fixed for import; (

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to conduct an inquiry into this matter; and (

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Wood has been freely importable since prior to 1996. No quality restrictions for the import of wood have been imposed by the Ministry of Environment & Forests. No incidence of import of cheap quality of timber has come to the notice of that Ministry.

(d) & (e) Does not arise.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1094 FOR ANSWER ON 23.11 REGARDING IMPORT OF WOOD

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Code No.	Item Description	1998-99 QTY (Tons)	1998-99 VALUE Rs.Cr	1999-2000 QTY (Tons)	1999-2000 VALUE Rs.Cr	2000-2001 QTY (Tons)	2000-2001 Value Rs.Crore
4401	Fuel wood, in logs, in billets, in twigs, in faggots or in similar forms; Wood in chips or particles; Sawdust and wood waste and scrap; whether or not aggiomerated in logs, briquettes, pellets or similar forms	1199	0.46	455	0.40	706	1.41
4403	Wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark or sapwood, or roughly squared	1614811 Cubic Metre	1428.01	1941946 Cubic Metre	1859.61	2097852	2092.05
4404	Hoopwood, spilt poles, Piles,						

pickets and stakes of wood, pointed but not sawn lengthwise; wooden sticks, roughly trimmed but not turned, bent or otherwise worked, suitable for the manufacture of walking-sticks, umbrellas, tool handles or the like; Chipwood and the like	105	0.52	41	0.30	89	0.20
4407 Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planned, sanded or finger-jointed, of a thickness exceeding 6 mm	+	15.03	+	12.28	+	26.01
4409 Wood (including strips and friezes for parquet flooring, not assembled) continuously shaped (tongued, grooved, rebated, chamfered, V-jointed, beaded, moulded, rounded or the like) along any of its edges or faces, whether or not planed, sanded or finger-jointed	2136	15.19	170	1.52	236	3.57
TOTAL	1459.20		1874.01		2123.24	

+ = There are 16 Tariff lines under the heading 4407 and the unit of measurement of quantity is not the same for all these lines.